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SUBJECT: NO MI-17 HELOS IN GERMANY'S INVENTORY

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(SBU) Germany has no Mi-17 helicopters in its inventory and is therefore not able to make any available for lease, sale or donation to Pakistan, as requested reftel. German MOD NATO Office Director Col. Thomas Hambach confirmed to us on June 2 that the Bundeswehr had long decommissioned, sold or otherwise disposed of the Soviet-era helicopters it had inherited from the GDR National People's Army as the result of German unification.

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